

## **“Striving For Consistency”**

Sometimes, the greatest challenge for us personally is to be consistent. Many areas of our lives would be different if we were just consistent. Our health, finances, relationships, parenting, and even our work habits would be so much better if we learned and maintained consistency. Now it goes without saying that it will be good only if we have a positive approach and maintain it. Many times if we are consistent, it is a poor approach that we maintain. In all of life we need proportion and balance. Striving for these will assist us greatly in our effort to be consistent in the most important areas of our lives.

The Parthenon in Athens, Greece is a good reminder of what it means to maintain balance. If you observe the Parthenon part by part you will note there are a mass of inconsistencies. Everywhere you look there is not a straight line to be seen. No two steps are the same size and placed in the same way. The floor isn't level or square. Some columns are larger than others. The remarkable fact is that though all these inconsistencies are true, the Parthenon is built in perfect proportion and balance.

This is a perfect lesson for us. Our lives are a mass of inconsistencies and we must constantly strive for proportion and balance. Throughout the Old and New Testaments of the scriptures, we read of those who struggled to be consistent. It can be seen there that men and women who sought the guidance of God, though inconsistent, grew in their understanding of proportion and balance. We can never maintain these qualities on our own. The promise of the Bible is that we have a God who will help us through our dependence on Him.